

I claim:

9. A pre-surgical alerting device comprising:

- a strip suitable for placing on a body segment which is not to be affected by a surgical procedure, said strip having a superior side and inferior side,
- visually perceptible indicator to warn against surgery on the body segment on said superior side, and
- temporary attachment means for temporarily attaching said inferior side to the body segment in a manner which permits said strip to be removed after the surgical procedure. (amended)

10. A pre-surgical alerting device according to claim 9, wherein said attachment means comprises an adhesive. (amended)

11. A pre-surgical alerting device according to claim 9, wherein said strip is perforated to allow oxygen to diffuse to skin to which the strip is attached. (amended)

12. A pre-surgical alerting device according to claim 9, wherein said visually perceptible indicator comprises the words "No Cut". (amended)

13. A pre-surgical alerting device according to claim 10, further comprising peelable backing affixed to said inferior side to cover said adhesive when said device is not in use. (amended)

14. A pre-surgical alerting device according to claim 9, further comprising a companion label suitable for detaching from said strip and for attaching to a patient's medical chart to indicate use of the alerting device. (amended)

15. A pre-surgical alerting method, comprising the steps of:

- applying a visually perceptible indicator to warn against surgery on a body segment to a superior side of a strip,
- topically applying an inferior side of said strip to the body segment which is not to be affected by a surgical procedure,
- temporarily affixing said strip to said body segment in a manner which

permits said strip to be removed after the surgical procedure, and

d. removing said strip from said body segment after the surgical procedure is concluded. (amended)

16. A pre-surgical alerting system comprising:

a. a notification strip suitable for placing on an involved body segment which is to be affected by a surgical procedure, said notification strip having a superior side and inferior side,

b. visually perceptible indicator to indicate surgical site on said superior side of said notification strip,

c. temporary attachment means for temporarily attaching said inferior side of said notification strip to the involved body segment,

d. a warning strip suitable for placing on a body segment which is not to be affected by a surgical procedure, said warning strip having a superior side and inferior side,

e. visually perceptible indicator to warn against surgery on the body segment on said superior side, and

f. temporary attachment means for temporarily attaching said inferior side to the body segment in a manner which permits said warning strip to be removed after the surgical procedure. (amended)

18. A pre-surgical alerting method, comprising the steps of:

applying a skin-penetrative applique of a message warning against surgery to a body segment which is not to be affected by surgery. (amended)